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Dr. Jane Henry
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Dear Dr. Henry:

I understand that the dairy industry has filed a petition with the FDA to prevent other beverage companies from using the word 'milk.' This attempt by the dairy industry to monopolize the use of a word is highly inappropriate. No industry (or any institution or person) should own the use of a word. However, more specific labelling by the dairy industry would allow the industry to clearly differentiate its product.

Please allow other beverage companies to continue to use the word 'milk,' and also require the dairy industry to make use of the much more specific label 'cow's milk' on its product.

Thank you very much for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

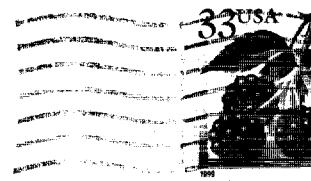
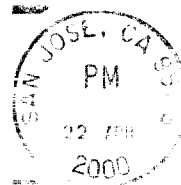


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